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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed April 5, 2012, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This patent expired on April 13, 2011 for failure to pay the third maintenance fee. Since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The 11 ½ year maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

The file is being forwarded to Files Repository.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.

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